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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 September 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasufuku et al (US Patent 6,370,025).

Yasufuku et al teach a heat dissipating fin module 1, Figs. 1, 3 (b) and 4 (b), comprising: a heat conductive base 153 (453), which is installed on a heat-generating component 52 (54) of an electronic device 51; a plurality of first heat dissipating fins 161 (461), which are vertically installed at intervals on one half side of the heat conductive base 153 (453), each of the first heat dissipating fins having an arc surface parallel to one another, and the space 162 (462) between adjacent first heat dissipating fins forming a first airflow space for providing a curved airflow path; and a plurality of second heat dissipating fins 161 (461), which are vertically installed at intervals on the other half side of the heat conductive base 153 (453), each of the second heat dissipating fins having an arc surface parallel to one another, and the space 162 (462) between adjacent first heat dissipating fins forming a first airflow space for providing a curved airflow path that does not cross the airflow path of the first airflow space. Yasufuku et al teach furthermore: Said first and second heat dissipating fins are equal in length; the curvature centers of the first and the second heat dissipating fins are on the same line;

and said module further comprising third heat dissipating straight fins installed vertically on the heat conductive base 153, (Fig. 3 (b), in the outer region between the first and the second heat dissipating fins. Regarding to the claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 18: Claims are directed to different methods of making said heat dissipating fins and installing them on the base, and therefore, have not been given a patentable weight. It is well settled that the presence of process limitations in product claims, which product does not otherwise distinguish over the prior art, cannot impart patentability to that product. (*In re Johnson*, 157 USPQ 670, 1968). Also: "Even though product – by – process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior art product was made by a different process" (*In re Thorpe*, 777 F. 2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 Fed. Cir. 1985).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasufuku et al.

Yasufuku et al teach all the limitations of the claims except the outmost first and second heat dissipating fins are shorter. It is inherent that size of the outmost fins depends on the sizes of the base and curvature radius of the fins. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to make said outmost fins shorter than others, since such modification would have involved a mere change in the sizes of components. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. In re Rose, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Suntio et al (US Patent 6,313,399) and DiBene, II et al (US Patent 6,698,511).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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